

Message of the Week

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“Republicans look forward to passing the priorities of the American people.”

Republicans have a positive agenda for the nation that reflects the priorities of most Americans. For example, at the end of this Congress and in the upcoming 108th Congress, Republicans will continue to push for:

- Permanently removing the marriage penalty in the tax code
- Further accelerating the marginal rate-reductions in the Bush tax cut
- Eliminating the death tax *now*
- Reducing the tax on dividends earned on families' investments
- Cutting capital gains taxes
- Creating the Department of Homeland Security as a Cabinet-level department
- Fully funding the war on terrorism
- Authorizing pilots to carry and use firearms in the course of their duties as federal flight deck officers
- Budget discipline
- Banning partial-birth abortion
- Giving workers more control over their retirement investments and Social Security funds
- Reauthorizing the revolutionary welfare reforms that have moved dramatic numbers of people from welfare to work
- Increasing the deductibility of capital losses
- Eliminating some of the barriers that make it difficult for shareholders to replace corporate boards
- Increasing the amount a small business can deduct immediately for business investments
- Banning human cloning